

ABSTRACT

5 **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PUBLISHING AN
ELECTRONIC FILE ATTACHED TO AN ELECTRONIC
MAIL MESSAGE**

Publishing content associated with an electronic file attached
10 to an electronic mail message by executing instructions contained in the
electronic mail attachment and accessing the content at a remote
computer server identified by the attached file. The attached file
includes computer-executable instructions, such as a computer program
or script, which include an identifier for a remote server connected to a
15 distributed computer network. This identified remote server typically
hosts a web site containing content intended for viewing by the recipient
of the electronic mail message. In response to launching the attached file
of the electronic mail message with a viewer program, a browser
program can be opened to enable the recipient to view the content of the
20 identified remote server, typically a web site on an intranet or the global
Internet. This supports the communication of electronic content by using
an electronic mail message to transport an electronic file attachment
having instructions that, when executed by the recipient's computer,
enable the recipient to view the electronic content by accessing a server
25 computer connected to distributed computer network.

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